

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 35 with the following amended paragraph.

Figure 4. Nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 28) and deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 29) for cDNA clones derived from 75/65 kD TNF-BP.

On page 5, line 1, please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph.

Figure 6A and 6B: Corrected nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 3) and deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO: 4) of Figure 4 after repeated sequencing, showing a threonine coded by "ACC" at position 3 instead of a serine coded by "TCC".

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 35, line 22, with the following amended paragraph.

Essentially analogous techniques were used to identify 75/65 kD TNF-BP-coding partial cDNA sequences, whereby, however, in this case genomic human DNA and completely degenerated 14-mer and 15-mer "sense" and "antisense" oligonucleotides derived from peptide IIA were used in order to produce a primary 26 bp cDNA probe in a polymerase chain reaction. This cDNA probe was then used in a HL-60 cDNA library to identify cDNA clones of different lengths. This cDNA library was produced using isolated HL60 RNA and a cDNA cloning kit (Amersham) according to the details of the manufacturer. The sequence of such a cDNA clone is given in FIG. 4 (SEQ ID NO: 28), whereby repeated sequencing lead to the following correction as depicted in FIG. 6 (SEQ ID NO: 3). A threonine coded by "ACC" not "TCC", has to be at position 3 instead of the serine.